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Something About Horses

Kathleen McCracken

His walk is the walk of a man
facing into the wind, blue
norther with a hint of snow

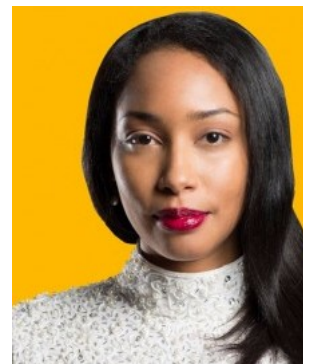
his voyageur heart
set on finding
the edge of the edge
or the pine tree
at the cartographic centre
of the USA –
Lebanon, Kansas.

His walk is the walk
of rustlers, hustlers
wranglers, cutters
vaquero reinsmen
old time believers in
bosal, mecate
whispering.

His walk walked out
of a border ballad
bandit corridos

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Arapaho yodels.

His walk is a backlit
black & white saunter
down Main Street
past the pool hall
the pickup truck
the picture show.

His walk has heels on
Mexican, Texan, Cuban
they echoed oddly
that time at Coney Island
nails in the boardwalk
a tunnel by the sea.


His walk walked miles
while he talked to himself
told stories about
mission stiffs, grainers
the liberty bell.

His walk gave him snake hips
a defiant turn against
his own centres of gravity.
All weathers his walk
took him west

it had Wenatchee
it had Wyoming
it had something about horses
written all over it.

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